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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CAPTURE OF STRANSKY BY PALESTINIANS

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1. EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER SPOKE WITH MR. JAN MARTIN STRANSKY, MOBI L

OIL, P O BOX 5335, JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA, TELEPHONE 22120 AND 32000, EXTENSION 338, HOME PHONE 54472 WHO CONFIRMS RELEVANT CONTENTS PARAS 1, 2 AND 3 REFTEL. HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT ON HIS PART THAT THE CAPTURED AMERICAN IS HIS FORMER WIFE AND THAT HE KNEW OF THE PLAN S

OF HIS WIFE TO TRAVEL TO SAYDA, AND TRIED TO DISSUACE HER, BUT IS IGNORANT OF HER WHEREABOUTS NOW.

2. MR. STRANSKY LEAVING FOR U.S. TOMORROW. ADDRESS IN U.S. IS GLADSTONE, NEW JERSEY (NO NUMBER NEEDED HE STATED) TELEPHONE 201-234-0533. FORMER WIFE'S NEXT OF KIN IS BROTHER THEODORE G. KOVEN, CALIFO N,

NEW JERSEY (NO NUMBER NEEDED). BROTHERS BUSINESS ADDRESS IS L.O. KOVEN AND BROTHER, DOVER, NEW JERSEY, (NO NUMBER NEEDED). UNCLASSIFIED

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PARENTS OF MRS. STRANSKY LIVE IN U.S. BUT ARE VACATIONING

SOMEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN.

- 3. MR. STRANSKY SUPPORTS VIEW THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN BUT THAT HE WILL INFORM THE BROTHER OF MRS. STRANSKY. STRNSKY SAID FORMER WIFE'S CHILDREN ARE IN HIS CUSTODY AND NOW IN U.S. WITH HIS MOTHER, AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM ANY ADVERSE NEWS. HE REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOTIFY HIM OF DEVELOPMENTS BY TELEPHONING 201-234-0533 PERSON TO PERSON.
- 4. MR. STRANSKY STATED FORMER WIFE LIVED ALONE IN ROME, AND RECEIVED ALIMONY FROM HIM. HE SAID HE SAW HER RECENTLY IN BEIRUT AND ADVISED HER AGAINST TRAVELING TO SAYDA. HE STATED SHE HAS HAD MENTAL PROBLEMS AND HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AT ROME AND DAMASCUS. HE SUGGESTS THAT IF SHE IS FOUND SAFE SHE BE REPATRIATED TO ROME AS SHE DOES NOT WISH TO GO TO THE U.S. HE SAID THAT SHE IS STUBBORN, COMMUNICATES POORLY, AND NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION. MR. STRANSKY ASKS THAT DEVELOPMENTS BE KEPT OUT OF PRESS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

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